Cancer Pharmacist Group Clinical Development Workshop Report



Monday 11 November 2019

30 delegates and speakers registered to attend the COSA CPG Clinical Development Workshop preceding the 46th Annual COSA ASM at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The majority of delegates were from eastern Australian states but also included representation from South Australia and New Zealand. The majority also attended the ASM.

The program supplemented the ASM, drawing on some of the themes and applying them to pharmacy practice. The day included didactic sessions and panel discussions, facilitating interaction with delegates. The program consisted of the following:

- Clinical update current and emerging treatments in renal cancer presented by Dr Ganessan Kichenadasse, Flinders Medical Centre
 - An overview of the treatment of renal cancer, including therapeutic drug monitoring
- Real-world data and real-world evidence presented by Mr Dan McKavanagh, Princess Alexandra Hospital
 - An overview of real-world data, how this can impact on practice and opportunities for pharmacists
- Pharmacokinetics personalisation vs generalisation:
 - This session focussed on individualised dosing of cancer therapy across the age spectrum and in obesity, which was contrasted with flat dosing of immunotherapy. Speakers included Dr David Foster (UniSA), Dr Geeta Sandhu (eviQ), Prof Alan Boddy (UniSA) and Ms Jenny Casanova (Flinders Medical Centre)
- Biosimilars practical considerations for pharmacy presented by A/Prof Alex Chan, National University of Singapore
 - An overview of the ISOPP global position of the use of biosimilars in cancer treatment and supportive therapy, including considerations for pharmacists when implementing the use of these agents
- ISOPP/BOPA update presented by Ms Kimberley-Ann Kerr, Lyell McEwin Hospital
 - An overview of the highlights from the 2019 ISOPP/BOPA symposium in London, UK.
- Panel session: cancer services credentialing, training and emerging roles for clinical pharmacists
 - An interactive session with presentations from four pharmacists working in the public sector (SA and Qld), the private sector, and Singapore, followed by an interactive panel discussion. Panel members included Ms Kimberley-Ann Kerr (Lyell McEwin Hospital), Dr Christine Carrington (Princess Alexandra Hospital), Ms Maggie Patterson (Icon Group) and A/Prof Alex Chan (National University of Singapore)

The day was co-ordinated by Ms Jenny Casanova and Ms Kimberley-Ann Kerr, CPG executive committee members.

The workshop was successful, in particular the panel discussion which generated significant discussion with the delegates. A feedback survey indicating that delegates found the quality of education was very good or excellent, and being very likely to attend future workshops

The CPG would like to thank COSA and Roche for financially supporting the workshop. We would also like to thank all delegates for attending; and speakers, workshop chairs and coordinators for contributing to the success of the day.

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